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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

14 STAR FABRICS, INC., a California
15 Corporation,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 JACQUES LE LONG, a business entity of
19 form unknown; FASHION CLUB, a business
20 entity of form unknown; SHASA USA, a
21 business entity of form unknown; FRESH
22 FASHION DAILY, LLC, a California
23 limited liability company; DOES 1 through
24 10,

25 Defendants.

Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR
COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

26 Star Fabrics, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to
27 this honorable Court for relief based on the following:
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101
3 *et seq.*

4 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and
5 1338 (a) and (b).

6 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and
7 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
8 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

9 **PARTIES**

10 4. Plaintiff STAR FABRICS, INC. is a corporation organized and existing
11 under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business located
12 at 1440 East Walnut Street, Los Angeles, California 90011.

13 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
14 JACQUES LELONG (“JACQUES”) is a business entity of form unknown, with its
15 principal place of business located at 1141 Prospect Street, La Jolla, California.

16 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
17 FASHION CLUB (“FASHION CLUB”) is a business entity of form unknown, with
18 its principal place of business located at 340 E. Colorado Blvd. Suite 121, Pasadena,
19 California.

20 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
21 SHASA USA (“SHASA”) is a business entity of form unknown, with its principal
22 place of business located at 740 E. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

23 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
24 FRESH FASHION DAILY LLC (“FRESH FASHION”) is a California limited
25 liability company with its principal place of business located at 765 E. Pico Blvd.,
26 Los Angeles, California.

1 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants
2 DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet identified who have infringed
3 Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights,
4 or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true
5 names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, of Defendants 1 through 10,
6 inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants
7 by such fictitious names, and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their
8 true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

9 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times
10 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
11 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was
12 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship
13 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and/or
14 adopted each of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and
15 circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each violation of
16 Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

17 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 68088**

18 11. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of
19 textile printing entitled 68088 ("Subject Design") which has been registered with the
20 United States Copyright Office.

21 12. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric
22 bearing Subject Design to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

23 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this
24 distribution of product bearing Subject Design, JACQUES, FASHION CLUB,
25 SHASA, FRESH FASHION, and DOE Defendants, and each of them, manufactured,
26 distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design
27 which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design (hereinafter "Subject
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Products”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to products sold by JACQUES and FASHION CLUB under Style Nos. BD1615, 7361; and by SHASA and FRESH FASHION under Style Nos. T14030, T14531, SKU Nos. 1406885104006, 1405690104041;

14. Representative portions of Subject Design and one exemplar of Subject Products are set forth hereinbelow:

Subject Design



Subject Product



15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff’s showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff’s strike-offs and samples, and (d) access to

1 garments in the marketplace manufactured with lawfully printed fabric bearing
2 Subject Design.

3 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of
4 the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is
5 further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s), and each of
6 them, has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of
7 them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed Subject
8 Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized
9 print designs that were identical or substantially similar to Subject Design, or were
10 an illegal modification thereof.

11 17. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
12 each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by creating, making and/or developing
13 directly infringing and/or derivative works from Subject Design and by producing,
14 distributing and/or selling Subject Products through a nationwide network of retail
15 stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.

16 18. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of infringement, Plaintiff has
17 suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.

18 19. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as
19 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained profits they would not
20 otherwise have realized but for their infringement of Subject Design. As such,
21 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants', and each of their, profits
22 attributable to the infringement of Subject Design in an amount to be established at
23 trial.

24 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
25 each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive
26 knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that said acts of copyright infringement were,
27 and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- a. That Defendants—each of them—and their respective agents and servants be enjoined from importing, manufacturing, distributing, offering for sale, selling or otherwise trafficking in any product that infringes Plaintiff’s copyrights in Subject Design;
- b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them, plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys’ fees as available under the Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- e. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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